

STIC Search Report

EIC 3700

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 103 rejection
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Foreign Patent(s)
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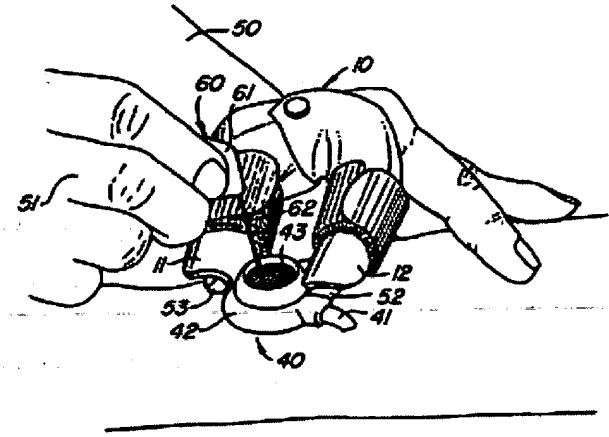
Hand puncture protector

Patent number: US5706520
Publication date: 1998-01-13
Inventor: THORNTON BONNIE CROCETTI (US); PETERSON ANN (US); ALLEN MARY (US); FAHEY BARBARA (US); WOOLERY-ANTILL MYRA (US); TAYLOR JERRY B (US); WHEELER VERA (US); COLEMAN PEGGY (US); KEDROWSKI SHIRLEY M (US); JEANNERET LISA ANN (US)
Applicant: US ARMY (US)
Classification:
- **International:** A41D13/08; A41D19/015; A41D13/05; A41D19/015; (IPC1-7): A41D13/10
- **European:** A41D13/08B8; A41D19/015B3
Application number: US19950515499 19950815
Priority number(s): US19950515499 19950815

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Abstract of US5706520

A hand puncture protector (10) including a pivoting shell which covers susceptible areas on the back and sides of the wearer's thumb (53), index finger (52) and thenar web space to reduce the risk of injury or infection from accidental punctures from needles and other sharp instruments ("SHARPST"). The pivoting shell is formed of a SHARP impervious material, such as thermoplastic, and has separate thumb (11) and index finger (12) components which are preferably fastened together by a single rivet (30) placed above the thenar web space region. VELCRO straps (20, 21) are affixed to the thumb and index finger regions of the molded shell at about the interphalange joint of the thumb and middle phalanx of the index finger to secure the hand protector to the user's hand. A method of protecting health care professionals from injury or infection by accidental punctures is also disclosed.



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Lasting Satisfaction: Bootmaker Plies Self-Taught Trade on the Peninsula

Beard, David

Daily News (Longview, WA, US) sBUS p--

PUBL DATE: 920110

WORD COUNT: 1,036

DATELINE: Nahcotta, WA, US

TEXT:

...each hole. After piercing his finger once, Holland made himself some protective gear. Now leather thimbles protect his knuckles. He pushes the needles with a bone and pulls them with a pliers.

After attaching...

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Optimal circumference reduction of finger models for good prosthetic fit of a thimble-type prosthesis for distal finger amputations

Leow, Michael E L

Journal of Rehabilitation Research & Development, v38, n2, p273

Monday, April 30, 2001

JOURNAL CODE: ABYD LANGUAGE: ENGLISH RECORD TYPE: Fulltext

DOCUMENT TYPE: Scholarly Journal ISSN: 0748-7711

WORD COUNT: 3,671

...on the residual finger (residuum) such that its proximal edge terminates distal to the proximal finger joint but proximal to the mid-shaft of the middle phalanx (Figure 1). Fitting a thimble prosthesis offers two important advantages (5) over a full-length finger prosthesis: i) it avoids ...prosthesis since it is not customary to have one worn anywhere distal to the proximal finger joint. A concern amongst the patients whose prostheses were thickened was the increased visibility of the prosthesis-skin juncture. The proximal edge of thimble prostheses must therefore remain thin and translucent to blend with the surrounding skin without any need for concealment. In this respect, fitting a thimble prosthesis calls for good prosthetic fit to be achieved from the outset, without having to...

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Set Items Description

S1 3534 THIMBLE OR THIMBLES

S2 37963 KNUCKLE? ? OR JOINT? ?(3N)FINGER? ?

S3 143026 INDENT? OR DIMPLE? OR PITS OR PITTED OR PITTING

S4 21 S1 AND S2

S5 1 S3 AND S4 [not relevant]

S6 20 S4 NOT S5

S7 20 RD (unique items)

S8 20 Sort S7/ALL/PD,A [not relevant]

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S4	2	S1 AND S2 AND S3 [duplicates]
S5	8	(S1 AND S2) NOT S4

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WPI Acc No: 1998-138441/199813

Thimble used during vegetable chopping e.g. for cucumber - has knife
sliding guide on holder over which knife slides while chopping

Patent Assignee: TERANISHI M (TERA-I)

Number of Countries: 001 Number of Patents: 001

Patent Family:

Patent No	Kind	Date	Applicat No	Kind	Date	Week
JP 10014790	A	19980120	JP 96195389	A	19960704	199813 B

Priority Applications (No Type Date): JP 96195389 A 19960704

Patent Details:

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JP 10014790	A	4	A47J-043/28	

Abstract (Basic): JP 10014790 A

The thimble has a short cylindrical holder (1) inserted between
the first and second joints of finger. The holder has a knife
sliding guide (2) over which the knife slides while chopping.

ADVANTAGE - Prevents tip of fingers from being cut, reliably.

Enables to cut vegetables finely and easily. Reduces incompatibility to
finger.

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Derwent Class: P21; P28

International Patent Class (Main): A47J-043/28

International Patent Class (Additional): A41D-013/08

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S5	4	S1(S) S2

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FINGERNAIL PICK FOR STRINGED INSTRUMENTS
PLECTRE D'ONGLE POUR INSTRUMENTS A CORDES

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19928, Alexandria, VA 22320, US,

Patent and Priority Information (Country, Number, Date):

Patent: WO 200517875 A1 20050224 (WO 0517875)

Application: WO 2004US26379 20040813 (PCT/WO US04026379)

Priority Application: US 2003495287 20030814; US 2003529640 20031211

Designated States:

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Publication Language: English

Filing Language: English

Fulltext Word Count: 5265

Fulltext Availability: Detailed Description

Detailed Description

... string, are difficult to learn to use, and, in the case of the most common **thimble** -type fingerpicks, require an unnatural and difficult clawing type motion, as opposed to a simple and natural "rest stroke" motion, to activate the string of an instrument. **Thimble** -type picks, since they have no adhesive, require that the striking of the string also serves to push the **thimble** onto the finger, otherwise they would pop right off. Since this is true, the playing...

...in playing classical guitar where the rest stroke consists of a bending at the first knuckle which is much more natural and easy to do quickly. Additionally, such picks attached to...

Flexible thimble type finger protector

Patent number: US5609165

Publication date: 1997-03-11

Inventor: LAMBERT FRANK H (GB)

Applicant: WALLACE STUART (GB)

Classification:

- **International:** A61B19/04; A61B19/00; (IPC1-7): A61F5/37; A41D19/00; D05B91/04

- **European:** A61B19/04

Application number: US19940204190 19940503

Priority number(s): GB19910018928 19910904; GB19920002095 19920131; WO1992GB01498 19920813

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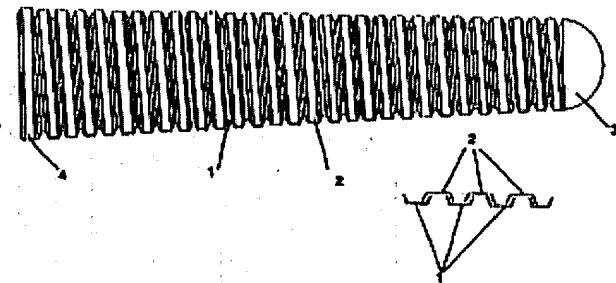
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Abstract of US5609165

PCT No. PCT/GB92/01498 Sec. 371 Date May 3, 1994 Sec. 102(e) Date May 3, 1994 PCT Filed Aug. 13, 1992 PCT Pub. No. WO93/04638 PCT Pub. Date Mar. 18, 1993 The invention includes a finger protector comprising a tube-like portion with a closed end, the wall of the tube being formed of at least one elongate strip of a material which strongly resists penetration by a needle and which is in helical configuration. The strip is of such cross section that adjacent edges of adjacent turns of the helix or helices interlock to prevent the turns separating axially but allowing a limited amount of axial movement such that, when worn on a finger, the finger may be bent to a limited extent without adjacent turns separating.



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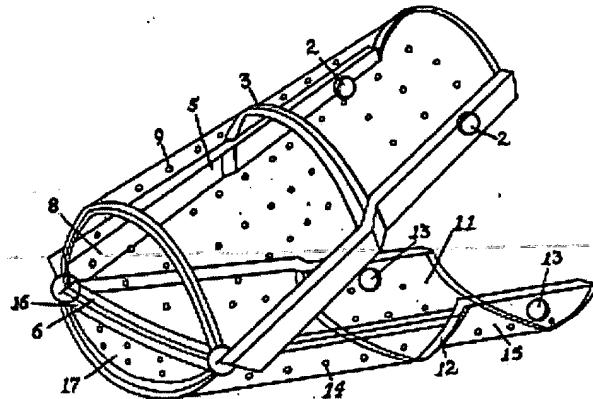
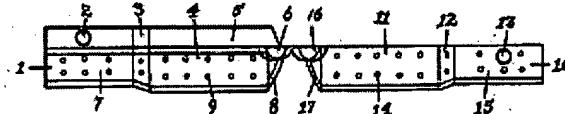
Protective guard aid device designed for injured and wounded fingers and/or toes

Patent number: US5031608
Publication date: 1991-07-16
Inventor: WEINSTEIN DAVID J (US)
Applicant: WEINSTEIN DAVID J (US)
Classification:
- **International:** A61F5/058; A61F13/10; A61F5/04; A61F13/10; (IPC1-7): A61F50/04
- **European:** A61F5/058H4C; A61F13/10H2
Application number: US19870057439 19870603
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Abstract of US5031608

This invention relates to an improved construction of finger and toe housing devices. It is adapted to be readily applied to the ends of fingers or toes for protecting injured and wounded areas. Still another aim of the invention is to improve and provide a housing construction that may be economically manufactured and sold to be worn in order to protect and enable the wearer to perform their duties in the home and office, requiring the use of the hands and legs during the recovery period. Still a further aim of the invention is to provide a strong protector of the class described of self-contained resilient molded bead-spine-hinged connected section having yieldable means of holding the sections in applied position with the built-in rear locking system 2 and 13, beyond the last joint of the finger or toe. Both sections 1 and 10 provide a convex apertured portion adapted to house the injured finger or toe during the recuperation period. Still another aim of the device is to provide a strong, protective and completely encased storage holding area for the injured fingers or toes to heal safely and comfortably.



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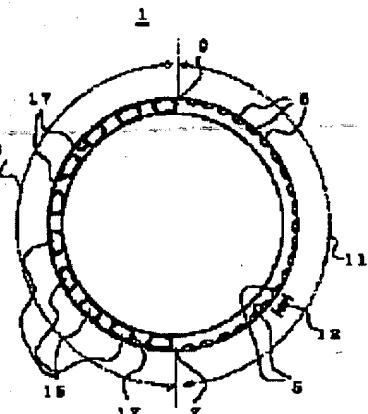
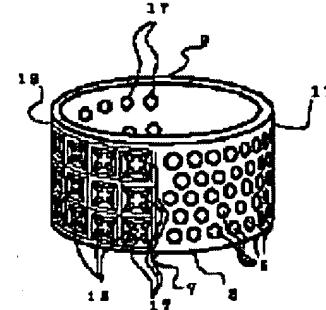
THIMBLE-CUM-FINGER RING

Patent number: JP2001046124
Publication date: 2001-02-20
Inventor: TATEMATSU HISAKO
Applicant: TATEMATSU HISAKO; TATEMATSU SAWASHI
Classification:
- **International:** A44C9/00; D05B91/04; A44C9/00; D05B91/00; (IPC1-7): A44C9/00; D05B91/04
- **European:**
Application number: JP19990228069 19990811
Priority number(s): JP19990228069 19990811

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Abstract of JP2001046124

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a thimble-cum-finger ring wearable invariably and exerting a high decorative property as a decorative finger ring during the period other than the working time by fitting ornaments such as gems or designed metal-carved handiworks to an outer peripheral portion other than a needle head hook section where a needle head is hooked. **SOLUTION:** This thimble-cum-finger ring is made of a metal material such as brass, platinum, gold, silver, or silver-plated copper. A band-like plate made of such metal material and having the thickness of about 1.8 mm and the uniform width of about 10 mm is wound into a ring shape, i.e., a band ring shape, to form the base 3 (finger ring section) of the thimble-cum-finger ring. The base 3 (finger ring section) is inserted to a finger of the hand of a human body. The whole outer peripheral face of the base 3 is bisected, a plurality of recesses 5 to be hooked with the head (end section having a thread passing hole) of a sewing needle are bored on one outer peripheral face, and a plurality of small gems 15 are buried on the other outer peripheral face 13. The gems 15 are buried in the burying holes 17 regularly bored on the half outer peripheral face 13 then are fixed by the prescribed method.



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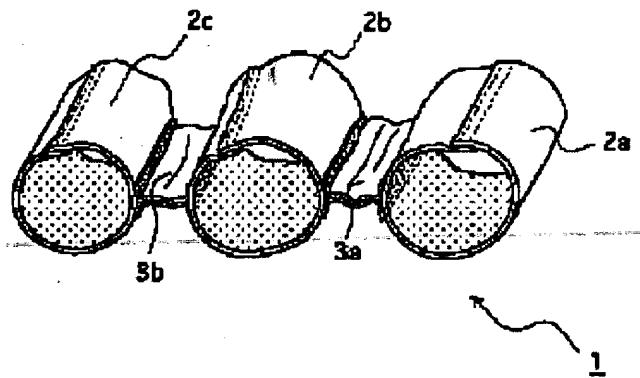
FINGER PROTECTING TOOL

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Publication date: 1998-08-25
Inventor: YASUKAWA ITSUO
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Classification:
- **International:** A61F5/01; A61F5/10; A61F5/01; (IPC1-7): A61F5/01; A61F5/10
- **European:**
Application number: JP19970100807 19970404
Priority number(s): JP19970100807 19970404; JP19960342397 19961209

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Abstract of JP10225471

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To distribute external force applied on fingers after limiting the bending of finger joints and to protect the joints in the roots of the fingers, especially, from a twist and a fracture, etc., by providing a finger protecting tool consisting of a plural number of cylindrical parts provided with thickness being almost equal to that of the human fingers and connecting parts for connecting the cylindrical parts. **SOLUTION:** The finger protecting tool 1 is constituted of the three horizontally lined cylindrical parts 2 (2a-2c) and the connecting parts 3a and 3b for connecting the cylindrical parts 2. The cylindrical parts 2 are formed by cylindrically rolling a thick cloth material and sewing both ends. In the meantime, the connecting parts 3a and 3b connect the cylindrical parts 2 in a horizontal line and a non-extension/contraction cloth material is used. At the time of usage, the cylindrical parts 2 are respectively fitted to the forefinger, a middle finger and a third finger so as to execute restraining. When external force to an unnatural direction is added to the fingers, external force is supported by distributing it to the other adjacent fingers and the twist and the fracture, etc., in the finger is prevented.



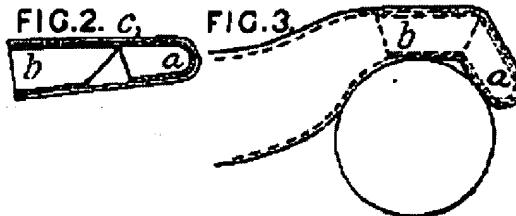
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Improvements in Wicket Keeping Gloves or Gauntlets.

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Publication date: 1912-03-14
Inventor: MORETON ALBERT
Applicant: MORETON ALBERT
Classification:
- **International:** A63B71/14; A63B71/08;
- **European:** A63B71/14
Application number: GBD191116017 19110711
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Protective guard aid device designed for injured and wounded fingers and/or toes

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Publication date: 1991-07-16

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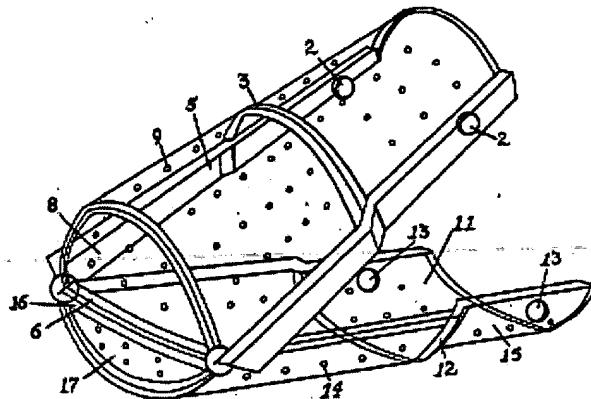
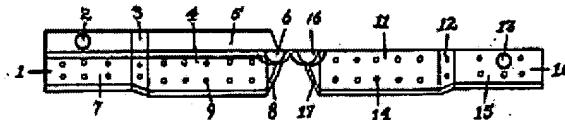
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Abstract of US5031608

This invention relates to an improved construction of finger and toe housing devices. It is adapted to be readily applied to the ends of fingers or toes for protecting injured and wounded areas. Still another aim of the invention is to improve and provide a housing construction that may be economically manufactured and sold to be worn in order to protect and enable the wearer to perform their duties in the home and office, requiring the use of the hands and legs during the recovery period. Still a further aim of the invention is to provide a strong protector of the class described of self-contained resilient molded bead-spine-hinged connected section having yieldable means of holding the sections in applied position with the built-in rear locking system 2 and 13, beyond the last joint of the finger or toe. Both sections 1 and 10 provide a convex apertured portion adapted to house the injured finger or toe during the recuperation period. Still another aim of the device is to provide a strong, protective and completely encased storage holding area for the injured fingers or toes to heal safely and comfortably.



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Thimble adapted to extend up over first knuckle position to assist user in maintaining straight finger at first knuckle position and having needle contacting surface with indent(s)

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Abstract (Basic): US 20040099701 A1

NOVELTY - A rigid thimble is adapted to extend up over first knuckle position to assist user in maintaining straight finger at first knuckle position and having needle contacting surface with indent(s) between the tip of the finger and a position adjacent or past the first knuckle position.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION - An INDEPENDENT CLAIM is also included for a method of quilting using the inventive thimble as a brace to ensure that the first knuckle position of the thimble bearing finger used to push the needle is not bent more than 25 degrees.

USE - Used to extend up over first knuckle position to assist user in maintaining straight finger at first knuckle position (claimed).

ADVANTAGE - The invention provides that if a finger is bent at the first knuckle position and the inventive thimble is used to urge a needle for a distance the angle between the thimble and the needle will change and eventually when this angle becomes too far removed from 90 degrees the needle will slip out of any indent in the thimble along the face of the thimble to prevent further pushing of the needle by the finger and possibly occasioning injury to the needle worker.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWING(S) - The figure is a transverse cross-section of the inventive thimble.

Inside (5)

Front face (6)

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Technology Focus:

TECHNOLOGY FOCUS - MECHANICAL ENGINEERING - Preferred Components:

The thimble is adapted to extend up over the first knuckle position of the user to form a close tolerance push fit over the first knuckle to brace the knuckle against bending. It has indents in the needle contacting surface. It is open-ended and 20-45, preferably 25-45 mm long. The inside (5) of the front face (6) of the thimble is flattened to assist in keying the thimble to the finger preventing its rotation.

Derwent Class: F05

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